

REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL
March 2, 2006

PRESENT:	Lou Ann Christensen	Mayor
	Holly Bell	Councilmember
	Reese Jensen	Councilmember
	Steve Hill	Councilmember
ALSO PRESENT:	Mary Kate Christensen	City Recorder
	Paul Larsen	Director of Economic Development
	Bruce Leonard	Director of Public Works
	Mike Nelsen	Police Lieutenant
	Dennis Sheffield	Director of Finance
	Mark Teuscher	Community Development Supervisor/City Planner
	Don Tingey	City Administrator
	Paul Tittensor	Chief of Police
	Alan Wright	Director of Public Power
	Scott Hansen	County Commissioner
EXCUSED:	Jon Adams	Councilmember
	Alden Farr	Councilmember

Mayor Christensen called the meeting to order and excused Councilmember Adams and Councilmember Farr. A scout from the audience led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Reverence Period was given by Councilmember Jensen. A motion to approve the minutes of February 16, 2006 was made by Councilmember Bell. The motion was seconded and carried. Mayor Christensen presented the agenda as follows:

PUBLIC COMMENT
CONSENT

- Request to Write-off Accounts Due to Resident Taking Out Bankruptcy or Being Sent to Collections
- New Hire, Public Works
- New Hire, Police Department
- Reappointments to Shade Tree Commission

SCHEDULED DELEGATION

- Request for Resource Officer at Adele C. Young Intermediate School

NEW BUSINESS

- Resolution Setting Guidelines for the 2002 Olympian Legacy Fund for 2006 Grants
- Resolution to Waive Impact Fees for the US Fish and Wildlife Service for Bear River Visitor Center
- UTA Transit Task Force, Local Bus Route Options
- Request for Approval of a Perpetual Non-Exclusive Cable and Facilities Easement for UTOPIA
- Request for Approval of a Cabinet Easement for UTOPIA

CLAIMS

- Payment Register

Councilmember Jensen made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Richard Felt came forward and expressed appreciation to the Mayor for writing a letter giving Brigham City's support for building of the transcontinental railroad on the old grade from Promontory to Corinne. This will probably connect to the new light rail system. Mr. Felt explained that they are seeking funding, so it helps to have the support of surrounding communities.

Mr. Felt asked the Council to consider sending a resolution to Governor Huntsman considering the Utah Quarter. There are three possibilities, and he asked for support of the quarter with the two locomotives from Promontory facing each other. Mr. Felt stated that he has talked to some of the City's staff about activities

around May 10. If this quarter is selected, they are going to offer to unveil the quarter at the May 10th celebration. The Golden Spike Heritage Foundation is coordinating that week, and they are encouraging people from all over the country to come to the celebration.

Mayor Christensen asked Mr. Leonard to prepare a resolution in support of the quarter and bring to Council for approval. She also asked Mr. Larsen to coordinate with Mr. Felt on the activities on May 10th.

CONSENT

Request to Write-off Accounts Due to Resident Taking Out Bankruptcy or Being Sent to Collections

A list of accounts totaling \$4,658.60 was presented to be removed from the City's system due to the customer taking out bankruptcy or being sent to collections.

New Hire, Public Works

It was recommended Blake Fannesbeck be hired as the Public Works Director, Grade E68, effective March 25, 2006.

New Hire, Police Department

It was also recommended Hyrum McKay be hired as a Police Officer I, Grade 37, effective March 4, 2006.

Reappointments to Shade Tree Commission

Phyllis Nielsen and Mary Coleman were recommended for re-appointments to the Shade Tree Commission.

MOTION: A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Jensen, seconded by Councilmember Bell and unanimously carried.

SCHEDULED DELEGATION

Request for Resource Officer at Adele C. Young Intermediate (ACYI) School

Mr. Gary Allen, Principal at ACYI, came forward and addressed the Council. They have had an officer at the school during lunch period. It has been a very good experience. It addressed the behavior issues they were experiencing, but even more than that the students developed a relationship with the officers.

There are several benefits in having an officer at the school.

- ◆ School discipline during lunches
- ◆ Fights and vandalism referrals
- ◆ Rapport established with students
- ◆ The effect on students to make positive choices
- ◆ Staff education on legal issues
- ◆ Advice/council to parents

Mr. Allen felt that a Resource Officer would provide a great addition to their staff and would assist in making ACYI a safer place. When safety issues are addressed students perform better in their academic interests.

Councilmember Hill stated that he teaches at ACYI, and he noticed during lunch hours that kids follow the police officer around the school. Even some of the kids that are categorized as "at risk" developed a very positive relationship with the police officer. There were fewer problems when an officer was at the school during lunch. He did not have to get after the kids, just his presence made a difference. Now, without an officer, there are more problems. There are problems with kids after school as well. The rules are that the kids should be gone ten minutes after the bell, but some are staying longer than that and causing problems. He recommended the City look at the possibility of a resource officer at the school, because he felt that this is a much needed resource at the school.

Mayor Christensen said about nine years ago, the City worked out an agreement with Box Elder High School to share in the cost of an officer at the high school. She asked if there is any potential of the District sharing costs for an officer at ACYI. Mr. Allen explained that one of the challenges the District is facing is declining

enrollment. There are very few funds available for something like this. Mayor Christensen explained that the City is currently in the budget process, and this can be reviewed during this process.

Chief Tittensor explained that it was off-duty officers that helped during the lunch hour on their own time. They were not paid by Brigham City. The Chief said he has seen the results at the high school first, and then at the intermediate school. The presence of an officer lends to a quality of life, a relaxed attitude. The learning ability increases. Long-term, the expectation is that crime rates will decrease.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Setting Guidelines for the 2002 Olympian Legacy Fund for 2006 Grants

Mr. Tingey announced that there is \$20,000 available for grants in the Olympian Legacy Fund. There has been a lot of interest shown this year.

MOTION: Councilmember Hill made a motion to approve the resolution setting guidelines for the 2002 Olympian Legacy Fund for 2006 grants. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bell and unanimously carried.

Resolution to Waive Impact Fees for the US Fish and Wildlife Service for Bear River Visitor Center

Mr. Teuscher came forward and explained that the US Fish and Wildlife Service has asked for a waiver of the impact fees for the visitor center. The Impact Fee Committee reviewed the criteria for this request and determined that the request qualifies for the waiver under the criteria of *"development of activities requesting exemption to serving a broader public purpose the City Council may find that such activities will provide a benefit to the citizens of Brigham City at large and will accomplish a defined purpose or goal of the Brigham City General Plan that would otherwise require expenditure of City funds to accomplish."* The Committee felt the Visitor Center provided a definite economic development benefit, a recreational benefit, and an educational benefit that the City would not be able to provide by itself.

MOTION: Councilmember Jensen made a motion to accept the resolution to waive impact fees for the US Fish and Wildlife Service for the Bear River Visitor Center. Councilmember Hill seconded the motion, carried.

UTA Transit Task Force, Local Bus Route Options

Mr. Chris Chestnut, Planner for UTA, gave a presentation on the proposed route options and funding for UTA in Brigham City.

Option A is for the service to be operated by either UTA or a third party contractor, with reservations operating the same as the current paratransit service. This would run every hour for 7-8 hours. There would be a \$1.00 surcharge for non-disabled and younger than 50 riders. The annual cost would be \$100,000.

Option B services more of the residential area. It would perform a one-way loop from 1100 South to 500 West, north on 500 West to roughly 600 or 700 North, and back to Main Street. Everything else is the same as Option A.

Option C would service mainly Brigham City, and would operate every half hour. The Blue Goose is currently traveling to Willard less than once a month, and to Perry once a day. To help supplement this service, it was felt UTA could increase the frequency and provide more local service. This would reduce the cost to \$80,000-\$90,000. Reservations would still be available to Willard and Perry.

Mr. Chestnut said UTA is recommending Option C. This option seems to work best. It would be a half hour frequency and gives the users a more frequent and reliable service. It would also be less operating cost.

Mr. Yarger explained that the Blue Goose will have to be supplemented somewhere else, because it will not be covered under UTA. Mayor Christensen said the goal is to have Mantua, Corinne and Honeyville join UTA

and be part of this. In the interim, this service will have to be provided by other places, such as the Senior Center. The Blue Goose, because it is basically running out of funding sources, will be curtailed.

UTA will continue to participate in the shuttle program during Peach Days. They also plan to have a booth at Peach Days and the USU Family Fair to communicate this information. They will also conduct public meetings and put information in the paper.

Request for Approval of a Perpetual Non-Exclusive Cable and Facilities Easement for UTOPIA

Mr. Larsen explained that this is located between 600 West and 500 West. The community hub site is west of the substation. In order to put a fiber trunk in, UTOPIA needs an additional easement that will run from the existing easement to 500 West.

MOTION: A motion to approve a perpetual non-exclusive cable and facilities easement for UTOPIA was made by Councilmember Bell, seconded by Councilmember Jensen and unanimously carried.

Request for Approval of a Cabinet Easement for UTOPIA

Mr. Larsen explained that this is a modification of an easement previously approved. This is west of the substation on 800 West. The easement is currently on the north side of the substation, and this will move it to the south side.

MOTION: Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve the cabinet easement for UTOPIA. Councilmember Jensen seconded the motion, unanimously carried.

CLAIMS

Payment Register

Councilmember Bell moved to approve General Claims for February 15, 2006 in the amount of \$16,827.92; for February 21, \$152,188.76; for February 28, \$258,460.88. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion to adjourn to an RDA was made by Councilmember Bell. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.